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Title: CELL LINES THAT STABLY OR TRANSIENTLY EXPRESS A
FUNCTIONAL UMAMI (T1R1/T1R3) TASTE RECEPTOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the subject application, kindly cancel all original claims 1-193 and insert the following claims 194-234. The claims are directed to cells that express a umami taste receptor comprised of at least one T1R1 polypeptide and at least one T1R3 polypeptide. Specific support for these claims may be found in original claims 15-20 and the discussion at pages 41-51, et seq.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

A new Title is identified on page 9.

A new Abstract of the Disclosure is submitted herewith (attached as a separate page to this Preliminary Amendment).

Remarks begin on page 11.